

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10587–10653

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1819–1834, and S. Res. 315–319. **Page S10635**

Measures Reported:

S. 668, to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–90) **Page S10634**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Former Senator Clifford Peter Hansen: Senate agreed to S. Res. 315, relative to the death of Clifford Peter Hansen, former United States Senator for the State of Wyoming. **Pages S10648–50**

Boy Scouts of America Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 112, designating February 8, 2010, as “Boy Scouts of America Day”, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the largest youth scouting organization in the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S10650–51**

Lights On Afterschool: Senate agreed to S. Res. 318, supporting “Lights On Afterschool”, a national celebration of afterschool programs. **Page S10651**

Women in National FFA Organization: Senate agreed to S. Res. 319, commemorating 40 years of membership by women in the National FFA Organization and celebrating the achievements and contributions of female members of the National FFA Organization. **Pages S10651–52**

Measures Considered:

Medicare Physicians Fairness Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1776, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the update under the Medicare physician fee schedule for years beginning with 2010 and to sunset the application of the sustainable growth rate formula. **Pages S10613–14**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 325), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S10614**

Unemployment Compensation Extension Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3548, to amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for the temporary availability of certain additional emergency unemployment compensation. **Page S10653**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, October 23, 2009.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S10653**

Conference Reports:

Department of Defense Authorization Act Conference Report—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2647, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces, expand concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees. **Pages S10614–32**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 22, 2009, and that there be one hour for debate equally divided and controlled between Senators Levin and McCain, or their designees, prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report. **Page S10653**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. EX. 324), Roberto A. Lange, of South Dakota, to be

United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota. **Pages S10601–11**

William K. Sessions III, of Vermont, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the previously scheduled vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, be withdrawn.

William E. Spriggs, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Joseph A. Main, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

Jose Antonio Garcia, of Florida, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy.

Marcia K. McNutt, of California, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey.

Arun Majumdar, of California, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy. **Pages S10652–53**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—325) **Pages S10611, S10614**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, in accordance with S. Res. 315, at 7:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on Page S10653.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

VALUE OF SPACE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine space, focusing on the value, after receiving testimony from Stephen I. Katz, Director, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Scott Pace,

The George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, and Lennard A. Fisk, University of Michigan, both of Washington, DC; Jeanne L. Becker, National Space Biomedical Research Institute, Houston, Texas; and Helen Greiner, The Droid Works, Framingham, Massachusetts.

ENERGY CONSUMERS AND ENERGY PRICES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the costs and benefits for energy consumers and energy prices associated with the allocation of greenhouse gas emission allowances, after receiving testimony from Gilbert E. Metcalf, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts; Darius Gaskins, Resources for the Future, and Chad Stone, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, both of Washington, DC; and Alfred Denny Ellerman, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

NATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE H1N1 FLU

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine H1N1 flu, focusing on monitoring the nation's response, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services; and Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Craig Becker, of Illinois, Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, and Brian Hayes, of Massachusetts, all to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, Rolena Klahn Adorno, of Connecticut, and Marvin Krislov, of Ohio, both to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, and Gloria Valencia-Weber, of New Mexico, Julie A. Reiskin, of Colorado, Martha L. Minow, of Illinois, John Gerson Levi, of Illinois, and Robert James Grey, Jr., of Virginia, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jane Branstetter Stranch, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Alexander and Corker, and Benjamin B. Tucker, of New York, to be Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HEALTH AND BENEFITS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing on pending legislation related to veterans

health and benefits, after receiving testimony from Senators Reed and Bayh; Gerald M. Cross, Acting Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Brad Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Walter Hall, and Richard Hipolit, both Assistant General Counsel, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Robert Jackson, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Ian de Planque, The American Legion, John Driscoll, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, and Rick McMichael, American Chiropractic Association, all of Washington,

DC; and Bill Fenn, The American Academy of Physician Assistants, Alexandria, Virginia.

COUNTERNARCOTICS IN AFGHANISTAN

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine United States counternarcotics strategy in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Braun, Spectre Group International, LLC, Alexandria, Virginia; Norine MacDonald, International Council on Security and Development, Lashkar Gah, Afghanistan; and Vanda Felbab-Brown, Brookings Institution, Washington, DC.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3885–3897; 1 resolution, H. Res. 852 were introduced. **Pages H11580–81**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11581–82**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1061, to transfer certain land to the United States to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe and to place land into trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–306);

H.R. 1471, to expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia and to redesignate the unit as a National Historical Park, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–307);

H.R. 2008, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–308);

H.R. 2489, to authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–309);

H.R. 715, to expand the boundary of Saguaro National Park and to study additional land for future adjustments to the boundary of the Park (H. Rept. 111–310); and H. Res. 853, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3619) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2010 (H. Rept. 111–311). **Page H11580**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H11519**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Darrell Armstrong, Shiloh Baptist Church, Trenton, New Jersey. **Page H11519**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009: S. 1793, to amend title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for providing life-saving care for those with HIV/AIDS, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 408 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 793; **Pages H11523–33, H11553**

Expressing support for designation of October 2009 as “National Principals Month”: H. Res. 811, amended, to express support for designation of October 2009 as “National Principals Month”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 794; **Pages H11533–35, H11553–54**

Recognizing Kentucky Wesleyan College for over 150 years of service as an institution of higher education: H. Res. 837, to recognize Kentucky Wesleyan College for over 150 years of service as an institution of higher education, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 795; **Pages H11535–36, H11554**

Recognizing the distinguished history of the Laurinburg Normal Industrial Institute: H. Res. 660, amended, to recognize the distinguished history of the Laurinburg Normal Industrial Institute, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 796; **Pages H11536–38, H11555**

Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Amendments Act of 2009: S. 1818, to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall;

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Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to former Senator Edward Brooke: S. Con. Res. 43, to authorize the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to former Senator Edward Brooke, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 797;

Pages H11540–42, H11555–56

Remembering and commemorating the lives and work of Jesuit Fathers Ignacio Ellacuria, Ignacio Martin-Baro, Segundo Montes, Amando Lopez, Juan Ramon Moreno, Joaquin Lopez y Lopez, and housekeeper Julia Elba Ramos and her daughter Celina Mariset Ramos: H. Res. 761, amended, to remember and commemorate the lives and work of Jesuit Fathers Ignacio Ellacuria, Ignacio Martin-Baro, Segundo Montes, Amando Lopez, Juan Ramon Moreno, Joaquin Lopez y Lopez, and housekeeper Julia Elba Ramos and her daughter Celina Mariset Ramos on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of their deaths at the University of Central America Jose Simeon Canas located in San Salvador, El Salvador on November 16, 1989;

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Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to release imprisoned bloggers and respect Internet freedom: H. Res. 672, to call on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to release imprisoned bloggers and respect Internet freedom; and

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Expressing deep condolences to the families, friends, and colleagues of those killed and injured in the attack on the United Nations World Food Program (WFP) office in Islamabad, Pakistan, on October 5, 2009: H. Res. 823, to express deep condolences to the families, friends, and colleagues of those killed and injured in the attack on the United Nations World Food Program (WFP) office in Islamabad, Pakistan, on October 5, 2009, and support for the WFP’s mission to bring emergency food aid to the most vulnerable people of Pakistan and around the world.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Expressing support for Teen Read Week: H. Res. 836, to express support for Teen Read Week and

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Condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha’i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights: H. Res. 175, to condemn the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha’i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H11519.

Senate Referrals: S. 1818 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11553, H11553–54, H11554, H11555, H11555–56. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVER-THE COUNTER DERIVATIVES MARKETS ACT; AND WATERSHED PROJECTS

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3795, Over-the-Counter Derivatives Markets Act of 2009.

The Committee also approved the Dunloup Creek Watershed of West Virginia and the Cape Cod Watershed of Massachusetts projects.

USDA RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Biotechnology, Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to examine U.S. Department of Agriculture rural business programs, conditions for rural entrepreneurship and business development. Testimony was heard from Judy Canales, Administrator, Rural Business and Cooperative Program, USDA; and public witnesses..

MILITARY REDEPLOYMENT FROM IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on U.S. Military Redeployment from Iraq: Issues and Challenges. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michele Flournoy, Under Secretary, Policy; Alan Estevez, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Logistics and Materiel Readiness; LTG Kathleen Gainey, USA, Joint Staff. Director, Logistics (J–4); and VADM James A. Winnefeld, USN, Joint Staff, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy (J–5).

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, following bills: H.R. 3276, American

Medical Isotopes Production Act of 2009; H.R. 3258, Drinking Water System Security Act of 2009; H.R. 2858, Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009; and H.R. 2190, Mercury Pollution Reduction Act.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Assistance: Continued mark up of the Discussion Draft of the Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009 (to be reported as H.R. 3126, Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009).

Will continue tomorrow.

U.S. BURMA POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Burma. Testimony was heard from Kurt M. Campbell, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held a hearing on International Violence Against Women: Stories and Solutions. Testimony was heard from Representative Schakowsky; Melanne Vermeer, Ambassador-at-Large, Office of Global Women's Issues, Department of State; and public witnesses.

ELECTION REGISTRATION MODERNIZATION

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections held a hearing on Modernizing the Election Registration Process. Testimony was heard from Todd Rokita, Secretary of State, State of Indiana; Elaine Manlove, Commissioner of Elections, State of Delaware; Katie Blinn, Assistant Director, Elections, State of Washington; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3596, amended, Health Insurance Industry Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009; H.R. 412, amended, Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Latin Americans of Japanese Descent Act; H.R. 1425, amended, Wartime Treatment Study Act; and H.R. 3237, To enact certain laws relating to national and commercial space programs as title 51, United States Code, "National and Commercial Space Programs."

The Committee also approved the following: Rules of Procedure and Statement of Policy for Pri-

vate Immigration bills; and Rules of Procedure for Private Claims bills.

TRIBAL HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 2523, Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership Act or the HEARTH Act. Testimony was heard from Jerry Gidner, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CENSUS MASTER ADDRESS FILE AND CONCERNS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled: "The 2010 Census Master Address File: Issues and Concerns." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Robert Groves, Director, Bureau of the Census; and Todd Zinser, Inspector General; Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3619, the "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010". The rule provides one hour of general debate, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All

points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. In the case of sundry amendments reported from the Committee, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without division of the question.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or his designee. Finally, the rule provides that the chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oberstar and Representatives Taylor, Scott of Virginia and LoBiondo.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3791, Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2009; and H.R. 3820, Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2009.

BIOMASS ENERGY RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Biomass for Thermal Energy and Electricity Through a Research and Development Portfolio for the Future. Testimony was heard from Scott M. Klara, Director, Strategic Center for Coal, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported H.R. 3854, Small Business Financing and Investment Act of 2009.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 761, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries; H.R. 3485, Veterans Pensions Protection Act.

BRIEFING—UPDATE COUNTERNARCOTICS EFFORTS IN MEXICO

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Update on Counternarcotics Efforts in Mexico. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

PATRIOT ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Patriot Act Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from David Kris, Assistant Attorney General, National Security, Department of Justice; Michael Leiter, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Robert Joyce, Associate Deputy Director, Counterterrorism, NSA, Department of Defense.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1186)

H.R. 1687, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at McKinley Avenue and Third Street, SW., Canton, Ohio, as the “Ralph Regula Federal Building and United States Courthouse”. Signed on October 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–74)

H.R. 2053, to designate the United States courthouse located at 525 Magoffin Avenue in El Paso, Texas, as the “Albert Armendariz, Sr., United States Courthouse”. Signed on October 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–75)

H.R. 2121, to provide for the transfer of certain Federal property to the Galveston Historical Foundation. Signed on October 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–76)

H.R. 2498, to designate the Federal building located at 844 North Rush Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the “William O. Lipinski Federal Building”. Signed on October 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–77)

H.R. 2913, to designate the United States courthouse located at 301 Simonton Street in Key West, Florida, as the “Sidney M. Aronovitz United States Courthouse”. Signed on October 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–78)

S. 1289, to improve title 18 of the United States Code. Signed on October 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–79)

H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes. Signed on October 21, 2009. (Public Law 111–80)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christine H. Fox, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, Gladys Commons, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Terry A. Yonkers, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), focusing on a strategic concept for transatlantic security, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to receive a briefing to examine Iran, 3 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine keeping America's families safe, focusing on reforming the food safety system, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the past, present, and future of policy czars, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine Indian energy and energy efficiency, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 1340, to establish a minimum funding level for programs under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 for fiscal years 2010 to 2014 that ensures a reasonable growth in victim programs without jeopardizing the long-term sustainability of the Crime Victims Fund, and S. 714, to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission, and the nominations of Barbara Milano Keenan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and Laurie O. Robinson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Benjamin B. Wagner, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry, hearing to review the economic conditions facing the pork industry, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Afghanistan and Iraq: Perspectives on U.S. Strategy, 2 p.m., 210 HVC.

Subcommittee on Terrorism Threats and Capabilities, hearing on counterterrorism within the Afghanistan counterinsurgency, 10:30 a.m., 210 HVC.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, hearing entitled "Video Competition in a Digital Age," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Assistance, to continue mark up of the Discussion Draft of the Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009 (to be reported as H.R. 3126, Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009), 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on Concerns Regarding Possible Collusion in Northern Ireland: Police and Paramilitary Groups, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "Cargo Security at Land Ports of Entry: Are We Meeting the Challenge?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Too Big to Fail: The Role for Bankruptcy and antitrust Law in Financial Regulation Reform, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Engineering in K-12 Education, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Strengthening NASA's Technology Development Programs, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on Cybersecurity Activity at NIST's Information Technology Laboratory, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following: H.R. 2504, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans; H.R. 2559, Help Our Homeless Veterans Act; H.R. 2735, To amend title 38, United States Code, to mark certain improvements to the comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans; H.R. 3885, Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act, and a draft bill, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on administration of the first-time homebuyer tax credit, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, hearing on Statutory Requirements for Congressional Notifications, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled "Building U.S. Resilience to Global Warming Impacts," 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the economic outlook, 10 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to receive a briefing on new media in authoritarian regimes, 2 p.m., 1539, Longworth Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, October 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, October 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2647, Department of Defense Authorization Act, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 3585—Solar Technology Roadmap Act (Subject to a Rule).

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